

## 2019 Year in Review



**SERVING AUBURN WITH PRIDE & HONOR** 

### Introduction

On behalf of the men and women of the Auburn City Fire Department, we are proud to present the fire department annual report. The Auburn City Fire Department has been serving our community since 1852. The Auburn City Fire Department is an all risk, all hazard response agency.

Fire operations have 22 members and our firefighters are on duty 24/7, 365 days a year. We provide fire and emergency medical services from two fire stations located strategically throughout the City. The fire department is responsible for fire suppression, fire training, emergency medical services (EMS). The fire department responded to over 2,116 calls for service in 2019. These calls included fires, medical, technical rescues, hazardous material response, and public assists. Our call volume has increased approximately three percent annually since 2008.

We continue to embrace our core values; Commitment to Excellence, Sustainability and Innovation. Our service to the community is guided by our mission:

### **Mission Statement:**

We are dedicated to fostering the development and safety of our community through **prevention**, **public education**, and **emergency response** with pride and honor.

Honorable Mayor: Council Members:

Cheryl Maki Sandra Amara

Vice-Mayor: Daniel Berlant

William W. Kirby, M.D Matt Spokely



### Who We Are

### **Fire Chief**

**Dave Spencer** 

A Shift B Shift C Shift

Battalion Chief:Battalion Chief:Battalion Chief:John WilliamsonJohn RogersRobert Zaucha

Fire Station 2

Captain: Captain: Captain: Erik Croft Tony D'Ambrogi Lucas Rogers **Engineer: Engineer: Engineer:** Alex Lawton **Shelby Davis Buck Sims** Firefighter: Firefighter: Firefighter: Rick Navarro **Brian Mantor** Josh Shuey

Fire Station 3

Captain: Captain: Captain: **Matt Bowers** Tadashi Matsuoka Damon Meier **Engineer: Engineer: Engineer: Neil Bennett** Tom Conley Kenny Kolster Firefighter: Firefighter: Firefighter: Austin Kiefer Tanner Pahl Lucas Gray



### What We Believe In

#### **Our Core Values:**

Adaptability
Communication
Integrity
Knowledge
Leadership
Longevity
Professionalism



These provide our organization with a strong foundation and guidance to deliver exceptional service to our community.

#### **Three Pillars:**

Commitment to Excellence Sustainability Innovation



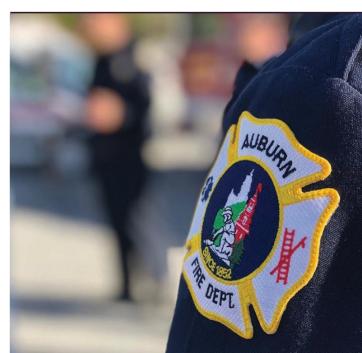
These pillars build upon our foundation and provide the framework for our Mission Driven Culture to enhance our department, protect our community, and value our firefighters.

### **Seven Questions for Ethical Decision Making:**

- 1. Is it appropriate for the customer?
- 2. Is it right for us?
- 3. Is it something you are willing to be accountable for?
- 4. Is it at your organizational level?
- 5. Is it safe?
- 6. Is it considerate, caring, and nice?
- 7. Is it legal, ethical, and consistent with the organizational values and policies?

If the answer is yes to all these questions,

"It's OK, just do it!"



### Where We Came From

For over 168 years, firefighters have protected Auburn's citizens and property. In 1852, the citizens of Auburn appointed Fire Wardens, who organized the Hook and Ladder Company, the first fire protection service in Auburn. The wardens tried to raise funds to purchase a Hook and Ladder truck, but only had water buckets and a 2-wheeled, hand hose cart. By 1853, the wardens recruited 14 volunteer firemen. During this time, when a fire alarm sounded, the whole town turned out, and everyone did their part to extinguish the fire.

On August 22, 1881, the citizens of east Auburn organized another fire department, originally called the Uptown Fire Department. The department went through several name changes in the next few years. The Central Hose Company of Auburn in 1887. Then the Auburn Hose Company No. 1, nicknamed the "Rattlers" in 1888.

In early 1900, the 2 fire departments joined together as 1 department. The first Fire Chief of the combined department was Guy Lukens, who remained in charge until his retirement in 1946. Since then, the department has been under the direction of:

- Henry Gietzen (1946-1988)
- Sam McLain (1988-1992)
- Howard Leal (1992-2002)
- Mark D'Ambrogi (2002-2015)
- John Ruffcorn (2015- 2018)
- Dave Spencer (2018-Present)





## **Auburn Hook & Ladder Company #1**

The Auburn Hook and Ladder Company #1 now serves as the volunteer side of the fire department. Auburn Hook and Ladder Company #1 members donate time and services to local community groups and events in the Auburn area. These groups include local schools, Boy Scouts, Auburn Little League, Auburn Youth Soccer, and Placer High School. Some of the events include the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pancake Breakfast and Clam Chowder at the Classic Christmas in Old Town.

The Auburn Hook and Ladder Company #1 purchases and donates safety equipment and tools to the Auburn Fire Department. Some of the items donated in the past include: vehicle lock-out kits, radio communication enhancements, a smoke generating machine for firefighter training, and incident computers to help with emergency response. Over the past several years, the Auburn Hook and Ladder Company #1, through donations and fundraisers, have donated approximately \$35,000 to the historical renovation of the Old Town Fire and El Dorado Street Fire Stations.



### **Prevention**

Auburn Fire prevention is responsible for enforcing local, state, and federal codes in order to reduce the loss of life and property from preventable fires and other emergencies. This is accomplished through inspection and code enforcement, plan review, public education and fire investigative services. This year Auburn firefighters performed ---business inspections, --- multi-family inspections and ---Wildland Urban Interface inspections.



## **Wildfire Preparedness**

The Auburn Fire Department has enacted several new programs to better prepare for a Wildfire. Some of them include, Wildland Interface Inspections, Structure Ignition Assessments, grazing on City parcels, fuels reduction projects and a bolstered Auburn Shaded Fuel Break. We have updated our WUI Strategic Plan and updated our City Website's Wildfire Preparedness section to help provide more resources to residents relating to wildfires.

## **Community Action Team**

The Auburn Fire Department teamed up with the Auburn Police Department and Code Enforcement to try to tackle fire risk related to homelessness together through the Community Action Team (seen here).



# **By the Numbers**

### **Wildland Urban Interface Inspections**

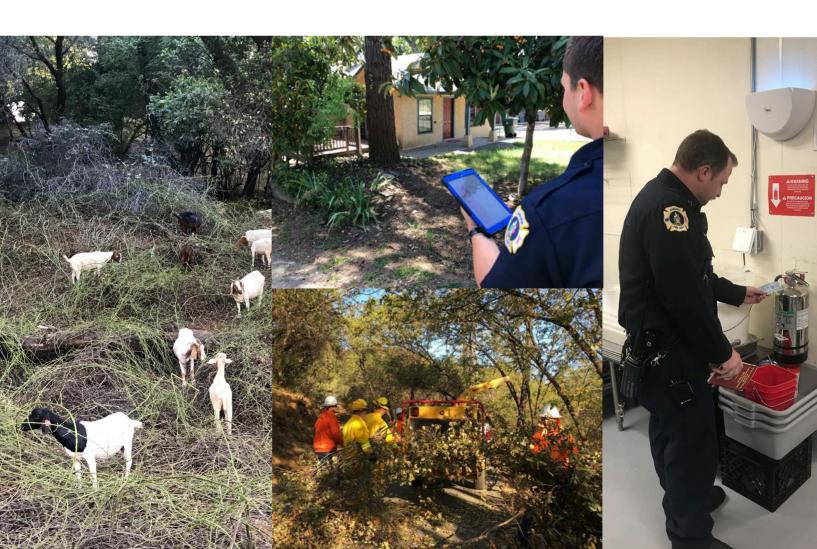
Properties in WUI	Properties Inspected	In Compliance	Out of Compliance	Total Inspection Hours	Structure Ignition Assessments	Structure Ignition Hours
1243	1243	1154	89	87hr 2min	21	18hr 15min

### **Vegetation Management**

Complaint Generated Parcels	Complaint Parcels Evaluated	Parcels Notified	Compliance	Pending w/Action Started	Compliance %	Acres Treated
69	69	69	63	6	91%	110.33

### **Business Inspections**

State Mandated	Properties Inspected	In Compliance	Pending Re- Inspection	Total Inspection Hours	Plans Reviewed
66	63	57	6	63	26



### **Public Education**

The Auburn Fire Department believes at its core that public education plays a key role in maintaining our community's safety. The goal of public education is to help prevent emergencies or provide knowledge of what to do during an emergency through instruction, hands on skills, or a combination of both. Public Education is driven by the communities needs and reinforced by the continuation of all programs throughout the year.

Auburn Firefighters received training on how to Assess Structure Ignition Potential from a Wildfire from the National Fire Protection Agency. We now offer structure assessments to our residents. We can now offer advice on how to better prepare your residence to withstand a wildfire. You can sign up for a structure assessment in the "Wildfire Preparedness" section of our website.





# SAVE A LIFE

This year Auburn Fire implemented the "Stop the Bleed" program with the help of Sutter Health Nurse Kate Carleton, four of our Auburn Firefighters became qualified to teach the program. Auburn firefighters were then able to put on classes for the Placer High School Staff. They learned about different types of bleeding, and the best way to stop them, teachers even learned how to apply a tourniquet. In years to come Auburn Fire plans to continue staff education and hopefully bring it to all of Auburn's local schools.





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# By the Numbers

Community Events	Station Tours	School Safety Programs	Number of Adult Participants	Number of Child Participants	Public Education Hours
48	34	8	11,400	5,871	179.75





**5K Runs** 

**Classic Christmas** 

**Community Fuels Projects** 

**Disaster Workshops** 

**Festival of Lights** 

**Hillmen Support** 

**National Night Out** 

**Open Fire House** 

**Placer Interview Day** 

**Public Safety Appreciation Days** 

**Santa Tours** 

**Scout Projects** 

**Town Hall Meeting** 

And many more to come!





## **Emergency Response**

The Auburn Fire Department responded to 2,116 calls for service in 2019. Of which the largest majority (65%) were medical/rescue in nature. We received mutual aid into the City of Auburn 201 times and we responded out of the City to give aid to neighboring jurisdictions 270 times. Friday was our busiest day of the week and July our busiest month. Auburn Firefighters responded across California to the Red Bank Fire, Lime Fire, Kidder 2 Fire, Sandlewood Fire, Saddle Ridge Fire, and Kincade Fire.

### Fire Station 3 Now Staffed!

On August 30, 2019 the Maidu Fire Station at 901 Auburn Folsom Road was staffed with a Captain, Engineer, and a Firefighter on every day. They are cross trained to provide a structural fire engine, a wildland fire engine, a light rescue, and/or a water tender.



Friday August 30, 2019



NEWLY STAFFED AND READY TO SERVE

Starting at 9AM

Ribbon Cutting First Tone Out Tour the New Station FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 901 AUBURN FOLSOM ROAD, AUBURN, CA 95603



# **By the Numbers**

2019 Incident Total	Fire	Overheat (No Fire)	EMS/ Rescue		Service Call	Good Intent	False Call	Total
	79	6	1383	63	142	293	150	2116
2019 Training	Total Training Complete	s of Tr	Hours aining	JAC Reimbursable Hours	Pro Comm	ainings wided to unity/Allied gencies	Ach	ifications ieved by Staff
	2891	68	B74	4072		4		65

## **Joint Apprentice Committee**

The Auburn Fire Department joined the California Joint Apprentice Committee (JAC) and now receives reimbursement for eligible trainings of our firefighters.







## **Cooperating Agencies**

A special thank you to all our allied and partner agencies and departments!

**Cal Fire/Placer County Fire Department** 

**Foresthill Fire Protection District** 

**Lincoln Fire Department** 

**Newcastle Fire Protection District** 

**Penryn Fire Protection District** 

**Placer Hills Fire Protection District** 

**Rocklin Fire Department** 

**Roseville Fire Department** 

**South Placer Fire Protection District** 

**Auburn Police Department** 

**Auburn Public Works** 

**Bureau of Reclamation** 

**Placer County OES** 

**Placer County Water Agency** 

**Resource Conservation District** 

**United Auburn Indian Community** 

